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THE CULTURE OF MUSHROOMS.—We copy

the following from the Canada Farmer: "Many persons regard the culture of mushrooms as a great mystery. But it is not so. On the contrary, it is as simple as raising a crop of corn, or cultivating a grapevine or a bed of cabbages, and can be done in out-of-the-way places, taking up little room, and requiring little attention. Mushrooms, too, can be raised in winter, when no other crop can be, and a regular supply had for family use. Or, if conducted on a larger scale, with a view for disposal in our city markets, there is nothing to hinder, and a most profitable thing can be made of the business. All farmers keep horses and cattle, and have plenty of manure; and it may be mentioned that the quantity used in forming mushroom beds is not lost, for it can, when new beds are made, be returned to the manure yard. It must be borne in mind, too, that there is no necessity to build a place to grow this vegetable. It can be grown almost anywhere in an enclosed place-even in the kitchen or sitting-room; but the best out-of-theway places are a close horse-stable, which is regarded as the best of all; mild cellars, enclosed out houses of almost every kind, where the soil in the beds can be kept from freezing.

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We wish some of our excellent market gardners near town would take hold of his subject and see if money could not be made by raising mushrooms.]

CHARLES LEVER .- A telegram has brought intelligence of the recent death at Trieste, France, of the celebrated novelist and essayist, Charles Lever. To the many who have known and loved him through his works a brief biographical sketch cannot but be acceptable.

Mr. Lever was born in Dublin, August 31, 1806. He was educated at Trinity College, in that city, subsequently studied in Gottingens and was admitted to practice as a physician. During the prevalence of cholera in Ireland in 1832 he held the appointment of medical officer of a district comprehending Londonderry and other places, and effected many remarkable cures. He was afterward for three years physician to the British Embassy at Brussels, where he wrote his "Confessions of Harry Lorrequer," which made a favorable impression by its vivacity and humor, and happy pictures of Irish people and manners. It was the precursor of the long line of novels distinguished chiefly by the same characteristics, including "Charles O'Malley," "Jack Hinton,"
"Tom Burke," "The Knight of Gwynne," and others. In 1842 he assumed for a time the direction of the Dublin University Magazine, to which, as well as to other periodicals, many of his minor anonymous works were contributed. Among the best of these are "Maurice Tiernay," "Con Cregan," "Diary of Horace Templeton," &c. His later works are "That Boy of Norcotts" and "Lord Kilgobbin," the last named of which is dedicated to the memory of his wife, "whose loss," he says, "has left me helpless." The series of "Cornelius O'Dowd" papers, which have so long been a prominent feature of Blackwood's Magazine, are from his pen, that of the March number being upon the subject of the Washington Treaty, and entitled "The American Revoke."

In the dedication to "Lord Kilgobbin," above spoken of, he expresses the hope that that novel might be his last. His hope has been realized.

MR. BENNETT'S WILL.-Mr. Bennett always betrayed a desire to retain the ownership of the Herald up to the moment of his death. But he was not unmindful of the duty of disposing of his property. Shortly before his wife and daughter went to Europe, the venerable journalist made a will which was satisfactory to and Virginia, after the family. He dealt out his wealth with a princely hand, and each of his three heirs are now the absolute owners of millions of dollars. The following are said to be the principal provisions of the will:

To his son, James Gordon Bennett, he gives the Herald establishment and the Herald building on Broadway, and also the property on Fulton, Ann and Nassau streets, formerly the site of the Herald. It is said that the will also provides that young Mr. Bennett shall not sell the Herald, and that it shall remain in the pos-

session of the family. To his widow he gives the mansion, corner of Thirty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, with

other real estate up town. To his daughter, Miss Jeannette Bennett, he gives his mansion and grounds on Washington

Heights, and also some personal property and mementoes. The above are said to be the provisions of the

will made by Mr. Bennett a few weeks before his wife sailed for Europe. It is asserted that he has neither altered it nor made another will. The whole period of his recent illness was used by him solely to prepare for his last end. -N. Y. Standard.

OLD SPOTSYLVANIA. - Mr. Charles Davis of Harper's Ferry, in a letter answering an invitation to participate in the centenary celebration of the erection of Berkely county, West Va., on the 15th of June, says:

"Spotsylvania-if I may speak of sections of country as I would of human relationships-is the ancestor of us all about here, is, in fact, the grandfather of Berkeley and great grand-father of Jefferson. Born itself on the first of May, 1721, it gave birth on January 1st, 1735, to Orange county, and to Frederick in the year 1738. On the 15th of May, 1772, Berkeley was taken from Frederick. And on the 25th of October, 1801, in the 29th year of her Syrups at CLARIDGE & GRIGG'S, my 8

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them for either business, study, society or mar-

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tion, &c. MENTALLY .- T e fearful effects on the mind are much to be dreaded. Loss of Memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversion to Society, Self Distrust, Love of Solitude, Timidity, &c., are some of the evils Thousands of persons of all ages can now judge

what is the cause of their declining health, losing

their vigor, becoming weak, pale, nervous and emaciated, having a singular appearance about the eyes, cough and symptoms of Consumption. YOUNG MEN Who have injured them elves by a certain practice, already described, a habit frequently learned from evil companions or at school, the effects of which are nightly felt, even when asleep, and

if not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply immediately.

What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the pride of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and enjoyment of life by the consequence of deviating from the path of nature, and indulging in pernicious habits. Such persons must, before comtemplating

ing. MARRIAGE Reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed, without these the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage, the prospect hourly darkens to the view, the mind becomes shadowed wi h despair, and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of

another is blighted with our own. DISEASES OF IMPRUDENCE. When the misguided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds that he has imbibed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an ill-timed sense of shame or dread of discovery deters him from applying to those who, from education and respectability, can alone befriend him, delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease makes their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the shin bones and arms, blotches on the head, face and extremities, progressing with frightful rapidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose fall in, and the victim of this awful disease .becomes a horrid object of commisseration till death puts a period to his dreadful suffering, by

sending him to that undiscovered country "from whence no traveller returns."

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